

What is claimed is:

1. A network transacting method using a data processing system in which a plurality of terminal units each having at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, said network transacting method comprising the steps of:

causing a trader to present data representative of a purchase offer meant for an industrial property managed by a search server, which is one of the plurality of terminal units and installed in a Patent Office, via a trader's terminal unit such that said data can be freely browsed via the communication network;

causing the trader's terminal unit to accept an sale offer meant for the industrial property and received from a seller's terminal unit;

causing the trader's terminal unit to reference the search server via the communication network to see if the industrial property to be sold and the seller are licit;

causing, if the industrial property and the seller are licit, the trader to purchase the industrial property from the seller;

causing the trader to take proceedings for a transfer of the industrial property from the seller to said trader at the Patent Office;

causing the trader to register information relating to the industrial property transferred at the trader's terminal unit;

causing the trader to present a sale offer meant for the industrial property registered to a buyer's terminal unit via the trader's terminal unit;

causing the trader's terminal unit to accept a purchase offer meant for the industrial property and received from a buyer via the buyer's terminal unit;

causing the trader to sell the industrial property to the buyer; and

causing the trader to take proceedings for a transfer of the industrial property from the trader to the buyer at the Patent Office.

2. A network transacting method using a data processing system in which a plurality of terminal units each having at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, said network transacting method comprising the steps of:

causing a trader to present data representative of a purchase offer meant for an intellectual property via a trader's terminal unit such that said data can be freely browsed via the communication network;

causing the trader's terminal unit to accept a sale offer meant for the intellectual property and received from a seller's terminal unit;

causing the trader to purchase the intellectual property from the seller;

causing the trader to apply for a registration of the intellectual property purchased at a Patent Office;

causing the trader to register information relating to the intellectual property applied for the registration at the trader's terminal unit;

causing the trader to present a sale offer meant for the intellectual property registered to a buyer's terminal unit via the trader's terminal unit;

causing the trader's terminal unit to accept a purchase offer meant for the intellectual property and received from a buyer via the buyer's terminal unit;

causing the trader to sell the intellectual property to the buyer; and

causing the trader to take proceedings for a transfer of the intellectual property from the trader to the buyer at the Patent Office.

3. A network transacting method using a data processing system in which a plurality of terminal units each having at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, said network transacting method comprising the steps of:

causing a trader to present data representative of a purchase offer meant for an industrial property of an intellectual property managed by a search server, which is one of the plurality of terminal

units and installed in a Patent Office, via a trader's terminal unit such that said data can be freely browsed via the communication network;

causing the trader's terminal unit to accept a sale offer meant for the industrial property or the intellectual property and received from a seller's terminal unit;

causing the trader's terminal unit to reference the search server via the communication network to see if the industrial property to be sold and the seller are licit;

causing, if the industrial property and the seller are licit, the trader to purchase the industrial property from the seller;

causing the trader to take proceedings for a transfer of the industrial property from the seller to said trader at the Patent Office;

causing the trader to purchase the intellectual property from the seller;

causing the trader to apply for a registration of the intellectual property purchased at the Patent Office;

causing the trader to register information relating to the industrial property or the intellectual property purchased at the trader's terminal unit;

causing the trader to present a sale offer meant for the industrial property or the intellectual property to a buyer's terminal unit via the trader's terminal unit;

causing the trader's terminal unit to accept a purchase offer

meant for the industrial property or the intellectual property and received from a buyer via the buyer's terminal unit;

causing the trader to sell the industrial property or the intellectual property to the buyer; and

causing the trader to take proceedings for a transfer of the industrial property or the intellectual property from the trader to the buyer at the Patent Office.

4. A data processing method for any one of a plurality of terminal units included in a data processing system in which said plurality of terminal units, each of which has at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function, are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, said data processing method comprising the steps of:

presenting data representative of a purchase offer meant for an industrial property managed by a search server, which is one of the plurality of terminal units and installed in a Patent Office, such that said data can be freely browsed via the communication network;

accepting a sale offer meant for the industrial property and received from a seller's terminal unit;

referencing the search server via the communication network to see if the industrial property to be sold and the seller are licit;

registering, if the industrial property and the seller are licit, information relating to said industrial property purchased from the seller;

presenting a sale offer meant for the industrial property registered to a buyer's terminal unit; and

accepting a purchase offer meant for the industrial property and received from a buyer via the buyer's terminal unit.

5. A data processing method for any one of a plurality of terminal units included in a data processing system in which said plurality of terminal units, each of which has at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function, are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, said data processing method comprising the steps of:

presenting data representative of a purchase offer meant for an intellectual property such that said data can be freely browsed via the communication network;

accepting a sale offer meant for the industrial property and received from a seller's terminal unit;

registering information relating to the intellectual property purchased from the seller and applied for a registration;

presenting a sale offer meant for the intellectual property registered to a buyer's terminal unit; and

accepting a purchase offer meant for the intellectual property and received from a buyer via the buyer's terminal unit.

6. A terminal unit included in a data processing system in which a plurality of terminal units, each of which has at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data

communicating function, are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, said terminal unit comprising:

purchase presenting means for presenting data representative of a purchase offer meant for an industrial property managed by a search server, which is one of the plurality of terminal units and installed in a Patent Office, such that said data can be freely browsed via the communication network;

sale accepting means for accepting a sale offer meant for the industrial property and received from a seller's terminal unit;

authenticating means for referencing the search server via the communication network to see if the industrial property to be sold and the seller are licit;

information registering means for registering, if the industrial property and the seller are licit, information relating to said industrial property purchased from said seller;

sale presenting means for presenting a sale offer meant for the industrial property registered to a buyer's terminal unit; and

a purchase accepting means for accepting a purchase offer meant for the industrial property and received from a buyer via the buyer's terminal unit.

7. A terminal unit included in a data processing system in which a plurality of terminal units, each of which has at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function, are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, said terminal unit comprising:

purchase presenting means for presenting data representative of a purchase offer meant for an intellectual property such that said data can be freely browsed via the communication network;

sale accepting means for accepting a sale offer meant for the intellectual property and received from a seller's terminal unit;

information registering means for registering information relating to the intellectual property purchased from the seller and applied for a registration;

sale presenting means for presenting a sale offer meant for the intellectual property registered to a buyer's terminal unit; and

purchase accepting means for accepting a purchase offer meant for the intellectual property and received from a buyer via the buyer's terminal unit.

8. A data storing medium storing a program for causing a computer included in a terminal unit included in a data processing system in which a plurality of terminal units, each of which has at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function, are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, to executing a following procedure:

presenting data representative of a purchase offer meant for an industrial property managed by a search server, which is one of the plurality of terminal units and installed in a Patent Office, such that said data can be freely browsed via the communication network;

accepting a sale offer received meant for the industrial



property from a seller's terminal unit;

referencing the search server via the communication network to see if the industrial property to be sold and the seller are licit;

registering, if the industrial property and the seller are licit, information relating to said industrial property purchased from said seller;

presenting a sale offer meant for the industrial property registered to a buyer's terminal unit; and

accepting a purchase offer meant for the industrial property and received from a buyer via the buyer's terminal unit.

9. A data storing medium storing a program for causing a computer included in a terminal unit included in a data processing system in which a plurality of terminal units, each of which has at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function, are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, to perform a following procedure:

presenting data representative of a purchase offer meant for an intellectual property such that said data can be freely browsed via the communication network;

accepting a sale offer meant for the industrial property and received from a seller's terminal unit;

registering information relating to the intellectual property purchased from the seller and applied for a registration;

presenting a sale offer meant for the intellectual property registered to a buyer's terminal unit; and

accepting a purchase offer meant for the intellectual property and received from a buyer via the buyer's terminal unit.